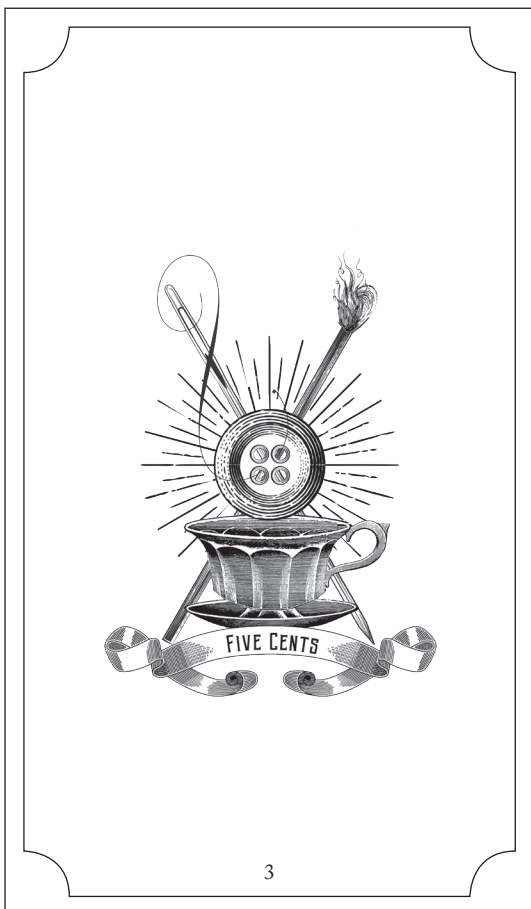




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## THE 5-CENT TAROT

The 5-cent Tarot is a fun and whimsical deck loosely inspired by Victorian era poster art. Using vintage images and remnants of biological and botanical ephemera, this deck incorporates keywords in the upright and reverse positions.

There are no people in this deck, but flora, animals and insects with sometimes human accessories and unexpected elements. This deck is full of small surprises and fun bits of whimsy — the idea is to engage the reader with images that are interesting, yet clear and to the point.

Quirky and fun: in this deck, pentacles are buttons, wands are matchsticks, swords are needles and cups are vintage teacups.

The keywords in upright and reverse positions are scaled to a size that will be helpful for new readers, but also not a distraction for experienced readers. The compositions also employ the symbolism from traditional tarot and are therefore, RWS-adjacent.

## A MESSAGE FROM MADAM CLARA

This little white book was created to provide brief insights into my inspiration for each and every one of the cards in the deck. It is not intended to be an in-depth guidebook; rather, a sentence or two for each card to give you an idea of my thought process.

In most cases, I will give you a description of the animal or insect I have chosen and why. Sometimes, it's a spirit animal reference; other times, it may be more obscure from my own twisted mind. Where appropriate, I make reference to specific plants and flora; other times, they are merely vintage flourishes that work well with my design system.

Every reader is different and we all draw from our own personal experiences, connections and teachers who have helped to shape our unique perspective. So, if you see a description or element on a card that doesn't vibe with your own, I hope you will accept it as a variation from a slightly different angle. To me, this is why so many of us have diverse tarot collections. I hope you enjoy!



## ACE OF MATCHES

Here, an effervescent and inspired robin bird looks to the distance and commands a vintage telescope; she is a harbinger of new ideas and vast opportunity. Behind our feathered friend, a large gear represents the challenges of hard work with the promise of rich rewards ahead. Blossoming flowers unfold to symbolize the growth potential of our efforts.



## TWO OF MATCHES

Who better to represent long-term planning and discovery than a spirited woodland squirrel, devoting an entire season to prepare for the next. The leaves are just beginning to turn, alluding to the onset of Autumn. Our friend commands post inside an armillary sphere, her celestial framework and guide. Her telescope symbolizes a focus on the distance.



## THREE OF MATCHES

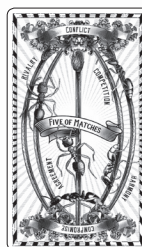
With a nearly 360° field of view, the common housefly here symbolizes the importance of a completely open sense of vision and determination. The eye chart supports the idea of full focus to see what's in front of us, including potential challenges and opportunities. Two dragonflies dance about the match flames, representing movement and progression.



## FOUR OF MATCHES

A thriving and bustling hive is all abuzz with happy bees in full harmony as a community. The floral garlands have helped provide the nectar and pollen for their celebration, and a significant goal or milestone has been met.

This card is clearly about a sense of home and the joy and satisfaction that is being realized.



## FIVE OF MATCHES

Even though they are all virtually equal, the warrior ants at battle have met their matches, perpetuating conflict without real purpose. The rivalry here is clearly pointless, while the competition persists. What they are not able to see is that, together, they have the potential to compromise, achieve harmony and, perhaps, accomplish great things.



## SIX OF MATCHES

With head held high, the decorated ostrich is self-assured, poised and proud. The laurel wreath is a symbol of recognition and acclaim that is highly deserved. Body language and posture here exudes confidence and success. Of course, the caution is that these traits can lean egotistical in the reverse position!



### SEVEN OF MATCHES

Hidden in plain sight, this phasmatodean warrior — or walking stick bug — has a natural defense in camouflage, leaving him at once protected and vulnerable. This card is about perseverance, holding strong and standing your ground, albeit sometimes with a hint of uncertainty. The gnarly foliage underfoot represents the challenges being faced.



### EIGHT OF MATCHES

Here, our 8 matchsticks are raised up high behind a wind-propelled hot air balloon and dynamic bird in flight, swooping through the clear skies at high speed. Our gull appears determined and laser-focused. The key ideas here: travel, change and rapid movement. You are cleared for takeoff and nothing can stand in your way!



### NINE OF MATCHES

Injured and perhaps a little fatigued, our resilient and noble parrot symbolizes all that is possible and imminent, tending to her own wounds before enduring a final round of battle and challenges, the last bit of darkness before the dawn. This card is about a positive energy and outlook as represented by this divine beauty in all her colorful, brilliant glory.



### TEN OF MATCHES

Heavy is the burden of the driven and determined worker ant! Here she is on the very verge of achieving greatness, but now must also bear the new burden of responsibility. The bundle of 10 matches represents achievement and completion — a mission accomplished, all well worth the effort!



### PAGE OF MATCHES

Behold the resplendent quetzal, a colorful free spirit venerated by the ancient Aztecs and Mayans and symbolic of goodness and light. Her companion, the fiery salamander strikes a match and represents the creative spark of inspiration. The compass dial is a fitting backdrop, setting us on a path of limitless discovery, ready to explore.



### KNIGHT OF MATCHES

Poised and ready for action, the noble Knight — the only piece in chess able to jump over others — is crawling with salamanders, full of energy and passion, also represented by the flanking torch and vintage bulb. This card is about enthusiasm and motivation, or “fire”; so here, even the foliage has been rendered dynamic and colored to resemble flames.



### QUEEN OF MATCHES

All hail the Queen Bee, taking charge on a giant blooming sunflower throne, symbolic of life, fertility, joy and satisfaction. This character is about getting things done and radiating vitality. Her bold, commanding presence is only countered by her companion cat, an expression or subtle hint of her lesser-known shadow self.



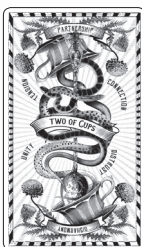
### KING OF MATCHES

Literally the king of the jungle, the born-leader lion is on top of the world, a spherical throne representing an ultimate victory over every challenge taken in stride. His matchstick wand symbolizes life and creativity, while his sidekick salamander represents fire and infinite drive, always pushing forward, regardless of obstacles.



### ACE OF CUPS

Entering the teacups suit, our angelic honey bee serves as a provider of light, descending from the heavens as a steady pour of life-giving brew overflows the teacup. The lotus blossoms below symbolize the awakening of the human spirit. Intuition and creativity are at work here, inspiring us to embrace a new love, which promises to fill our hearts and fulfill our wishes.



### TWO OF CUPS

An inspired twist on the iconic Caduceus of Hermes, the ancient symbol of commerce, trade, and exchange. Here, our double entwined snakes represent the powerful energy that begins to stir when two become one. The traditional lion's head is replaced with flourishing dandelions, representing youth and joy, while the bee elicits shades of passion and fire energy.

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### THREE OF CUPS

Three is a party with the fabulous flying fish sisters, raising their cups in a toast of celebration and joy. They remind us that when good fortune is upon us, it is best shared with friends. The ground here is the ocean floor, layered with flowing fountains, shells and coral, symbolizing the sea's version of an abundant harvest and the goodness in life.



### FOUR OF CUPS

Here we have what you might call a reluctant crab, oblivious to even the most obvious opportunities all around; retreating into its shell and too self-engrossed to notice. Prospects are plentiful, but it may be neither the right time nor the right project. With an offer to be considered, turning inward for guidance is the dominant message here, for better or for worse.

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### FIVE OF CUPS

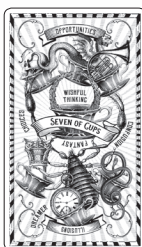
Alas, the overturned cicada is defeated, overcome with regret and disappointment, paralyzed by his own failure. The three cups in his view are also overturned, but he has no vision to see the potential in the upright cups out of his view, ready to raise him up. The message: we must realize that what's done is done and it is time to move on.



### SIX OF CUPS

The playful dolphins here are the youthful free-spirits of the sea, calling on us to revisit the innocence and comfort of childhood memories. Teacups are filled with love, optimism, harmony and generosity, as a flower is offered from one to the other. The message is to take pause from the burdens of adulthood and enjoy, if only for this moment.

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### SEVEN OF CUPS

The water scorpion bug, or Nepidae, has scythe-like front legs for seizing prey, here being the seven cups of wishes, dreams — and sometimes curses! All appear within reach, but choices need to be made, and all is not as it seems. The message is to see beyond illusion and allure, and instead focus on reality and what is truly right for you.



### EIGHT OF CUPS

Here, the nomadic hermit crab has retreated into a teacup shell, turning his back and escaping current realities. Due to their gradual growth in body mass, this creature moves from one shell to another; the transition necessary for eventual growth. Recognizing that alone time is needed to reconnect with our inner selves, the journey ahead may be challenging, but necessary for long-term happiness.

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### NINE OF CUPS

The graceful peacock — the epitome of beauty and poise — offers lessons about self-love, honor, integrity and the importance of facing life's challenges with courage and confidence. This card is about contentment and emotional fulfillment in realizing your heart's very deepest desires.



### TEN OF CUPS

Here, a family of ducks represent the divine love and emotional fulfillment of an everlasting bond. Swimming together as a unit, they symbolize happiness and fidelity, a connection to home and the comfort of stability. Intuitively, they have arrived here and can now enjoy the harmony of family bliss.

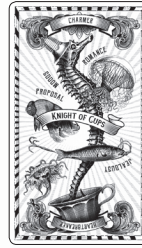
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### PAGE OF CUPS

Surprise! The curious alligator reminds us to be open to opportunities to ingest new knowledge and wisdom — the unbridled creative forces of the world including the fury and ferocity of reptilian primal energy.

The goldfish appears unexpectedly with a message that we must interpret, as if in a dream, to signal the beginning of something new.



### KNIGHT OF CUPS

This knighted seahorse is a charmer, gliding in slowly to sweep us off our feet with a romantic proposal — and we are hooked! Still, with an air of unbridled power and energy, this character draws on creativity to

help us imagine new possibilities and garner the affections of the graceful jellies and goldfish.

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### QUEEN OF CUPS

Our graceful matriarch is aptly represented by the shore-loving and statuesque flamingo, calling for us to be vibrant and outgoing, well-balanced and resourceful. Her covered teacup conceals her subconscious mind and depths of her soul, while her compassionate heart brings comfort to loved ones.



### KING OF CUPS

Master of his emotions and symbolic of power and control, the mighty king fish commands authority and rightful status. Unfettered and entirely balanced, this creative leader remains focused, keeps calm and carries on, even in turbulent waters. He is aware of his emotions, without being overwhelmed by them.

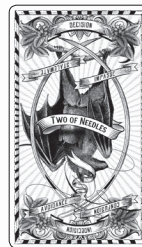
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### ACE OF NEEDLES

The snake or serpent so often represents spiritual guidance, rebirth and transformation. Here, the snake heralds a sudden breakthrough of clarity that awakens your soul. The brilliant dandelion, held as a symbol of

the warmth and power of the rising sign, is also a reminder to use intelligence in dealing with every kind of situation.



### TWO OF NEEDLES

The blindfolded bat appears to have limited vision, but also has other heightened senses. A daunting decision is to be weighed and made, but neither the vision nor the resolution are entirely clear. The ultimate message to be

heard here: always use your head, but trust your intuition and go with your heart.

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### THREE OF NEEDLES

Chosen for very obvious reasons, the heartbroken moth fly is an insect scorned, pierced and virtually paralyzed by the needles of verbal, physical, and emotional torment. The hope of storm clouds clearing above reminds

us that pain and sorrow today will bring great strength tomorrow.

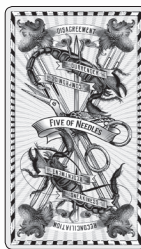


### FOUR OF NEEDLES

In the wake of trying times, the sleeping kinkajou appears to symbolize the need for a moment to rest and relax. Both the umbrella and night cap shield him temporarily from harm, while he gathers himself, recuperates and

takes much needed pause for meditation. This card is about putting yourself back on the charger before forging ahead to the next set of challenges!

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### FIVE OF NEEDLES

A battle has been fought and lost, but what has been won? Here, our fighting scorpions, symbolic of a passionate and deeply emotional personality, learn that winning is not at all what it seems when friendships perish. The scissor-

billed bird reminds of the dangers of cutting remarks and the long-term results of combative behaviors. The advice: pick your battles.



### SIX OF NEEDLES

The frog mother — able to thrive in water and on land — signals a time for rebirth or renewal. Here, with her baby in tow, she seeks the next chapter by forging ahead and leaving the past behind.

She reminds us to find a way to navigate between physical, emotional, and spiritual planes, and find joy in life and nature.

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### SEVEN OF NEEDLES

The raccoon is often a symbol of intelligence and curiosity, but here in two-faced form, it represents secrecy and disguise, theft and trickery. This card may be a warning of betrayal revealed when the deceptor, even if it is you, lets

down their guard. Whether victim or guilty party, the advice is to be wary, or self-aware of the risks at hand!



### EIGHT OF NEEDLES

The blind and bound mole, seemingly incapacitated and limited, is adequately equipped and actually quite capable of using her intuition and other senses to escape the guilt or fears that bind her. This card is a call to free

ourselves from self-inflicted shackles and limiting thoughts. The Eight of Needles assures you there is a way out of your current predicament — you just need a new perspective.

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### NINE OF NEEDLES

The Nine of Needles is represented here by the slow loris, a nocturnal primate with a distinct air and look of despair. In Malaysia, it is said that the loris covers its face with its hands because it is always seeing ghosts.

With thoughts weighing heavy and keeping us up at night, we are warned to beware of the self-fulfilling prophecies of worry and fear.



### TEN OF NEEDLES

An almost literal manifestation of the 10 of Needles, the spiny porcupine appears to have been stabbed in the back several times over. Here, the spirit creature urges you to free yourself of negativity and know

that protection is always available. Even as an unexpected betrayal catches you off guard, there is hope and opportunity in the next chapter.

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### PAGE OF NEEDLES

Rise and shine — the boastful rooster is full of passion and enthusiasm, reminding you to strike while the iron is hot and your energy burns bright. You are bursting with new ideas and plans for the future — and now is likely a time to crow for it! The fertile, lush evergreens suggest that your ideas will bring positive change and forward movement.



### KNIGHT OF NEEDLES

The Ancient Greeks and Romans believed the seahorse was an attribute of the sea gods Neptune and Poseidon and as such, the seahorse was considered a symbol of strength and power. Here, with his mighty winged sidekick, our knight exudes that energy and signals a time to embark on a bold new venture with an unstoppable spirit.

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### QUEEN OF NEEDLES

In Native American culture, bird spirit animals assist in matters of higher knowledge. They are symbols of strength, freedom and unity of fellow creatures. The majestic spoonbill is associated with sweeping obstacles out of ones way, wariness and protection. Perched atop a weather gauge, she reminds us to seek the truth, think with our heads and logic will guide.



### KING OF NEEDLES

The determined ruler here is represented by the powerfully prepared swordfish, forever driven and proud, with a look-before-you-leap attitude. Decisive, yet flexible, fully balanced and of sound mind — the king exemplifies that good judgement and clear thinking must always be our guides.

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### ACE OF BUTTONS

The rabbit spirit animal has always been a symbol of fertility and abundance. Here, atop a bustling contraption, our vibrant friend leaps out of nowhere to extend a divine offering and signal that prosperity lies in our direct path. Opportunity awaits and the time is ripe to forge ahead. Hard work and determination is likely to pay off.



### TWO OF BUTTONS

The mystical octopus symbolizes flexibility, creativity, intelligence, expansion and unpredictability. Here, we have a fitting illustration of the balancing act before us, requiring us to constantly adjust and assess, manage our time, energy, resources and focus. There is a choice in the path ahead and we must trust our instincts.

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### THREE OF BUTTONS

Here we have hyenas in cahoots! This card is about collaboration and teamwork, and these characters are the perfect embodiment of working together for a common objective. They are shown with accordion bodies to represent their flexibility. It is about getting things done by valuing all the varied skills of the team. Together, we will share success; all for one, one for all.



### FOUR OF BUTTONS

As totems, lemurs are symbols of many things, including superficiality. The miserly lemur was chosen here for his intense grip on his precious coins — or buttons. There is a prioritization here on wealth, a fixation that can also be paralyzing for oneself and alienating those around us. Financial freedom may be at hand, but we must hold on tight!

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### FIVE OF BUTTONS

As a totem or animal spirit, the pigeon represents love, kindness, understanding of life's problems and sacrifice. Here, our destitute friends fail to see the warm sanctuary that is available to support and feed them. The

message: all is not lost, if you open your eyes, help — and hope — is all around.



### SIX OF BUTTONS

In the animal kingdom, the great grey shrike is a uniquely — and morbidly — generous character, a carnivorous bird known for sharing its kill with others. This is a card of giving and receiving, and the cycle of abundance. The

message here is that generosity ultimately pays off in the lives that we touch.



### SEVEN OF BUTTONS

It is no surprise that the busy beaver spirit animal symbolizes ingenuity and diligence, productivity and achievement. Here, success is on its way and we are being encouraged to persist and press on until the task is

complete. With patience and at long last, you will reap the rewards of all your hard work.



### EIGHT OF BUTTONS

It is said that if a shark stops moving, they will drown. The fascinating hammerhead shark figuratively and also quite literally illustrates this headstrong independence and dedication to a task at hand. The message here:

focus and determination leads you to master a new skill.



### NINE OF BUTTONS

In this card, the falcon symbolism speaks about victory, success, wisdom and vision. Similarly, the ladybug is an embodiment of Lady Luck, bringing good fortune and prosperity. As the insect leads a vibrant and colorful life, it

influences you to experience the joys of living to the fullest. Having risen above challenging situations, success is well-deserved and now life is to be enjoyed.



### TEN OF BUTTONS

The providing tree — roots, body and fruit — manifests the message quite well in this card. At full maturity, success and accomplishments now provide prosperity and security as well as connection and community for all

— from the birds above to the fish below. A life fulfilled will set you free to share the wealth.



### PAGE OF BUTTONS

This card brings a welcome message of new beginnings, inspiration and the initial stages of a creative project or venture. Spiritually, unicorns symbolize possibilities and success — if you summon the power of a unicorn

you will be given the blessings to succeed in whatever you choose to pursue. Here, we are given validation that a dream endeavor will flourish into long-term success.



### KNIGHT OF BUTTONS

The seahorse is considered to be a symbol of strength and power, as well as patience and persistence. Here, the knight represents the drive to do all the work necessary to realize the dreams we envision.

This card is about accepting responsibility, taking charge and the efforts necessary to pave a path to ultimate achievement.





### QUEEN OF BUTTONS

Spirit animal kangaroo is the quintessential embodiment of a mother and provider, both in material and emotional support. Her rabbit companion represents fertility and suggests that her life is in flow and alignment. Here,

the Queen reminds us to hold what's dear to us near to our hearts and that a nurturing spirit is the light that fuels our souls.



### KING OF BUTTONS

The horned Taurus beetle holds tremendous power — and the title for world's strongest insect, able to pull over 1100 times its own body weight! Here, he symbolizes great abundance and the ability to sustain his wealth and the

trappings of the good life over time through self-discipline, control and leadership. The lush vines and grapes underscore his attainment and thriving of material success.

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### THE FOOL

In spirit animal symbolism, the frog is associated with renewal and rebirth. Here, he is ready to throw caution to the wind and jump right in with a fresh new start.

This card is about big possibilities and the promise of unlimited

potential. Every free spirit needs a counter balance, so his sidekick grasshopper represents his inner voice and reminds us to also look before we leap.



### THE MAGICIAN

The amazing spider represents mystery, growth, and power, and symbolizes the shadow of oneself. Like the magician, she is able to spin her web and create whatever she wants to be, or others to see!

She is the master of her own

destiny and bears a poignant message to all: life is merely what you make of it!

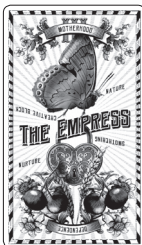
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### THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Like the High Priestess, the owl thrives under the mystery of moonlight, magic, and ancient knowledge; a symbol of the divine feminine. She pivots both the conscious and subconscious realms and draws on her intuition. In this

card, the High Priestess owl beckons us to trust our inner voice and seek answers in our dreams.



### THE EMPRESS

The crowned empress butterfly perfectly embodies her namesake. Butterflies are deep and powerful representations of life and the soul. Around the world, people view the butterfly as representing endurance, change, hope, and life.

Here, she flutters among the fertile pomegranates and wheat, reminding us of the need for time out in nature to rejuvenate our universal energy and connection to the fertile earth.

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### THE EMPEROR

The authoritative Emperor penguin calls for self-discipline and determination so that you can achieve your goals. He is a fatherly figure, regardless of being male or female, and provides and protects.

With this card, he refers to solid

leadership and good advice from a mentor with the wisdom of the ages.



### THE HIEROPHANT

In this card, the wise praying mantis presides over his pious beetle subjects. In most cultures the mantis is a symbol of stillness, giving testimony to the benefits of meditation, and calming our minds. An appearance from

the mantis is a message to be still, go within, meditate, and reach a place of calm. Here, the message is one of wisdom whispering in your ear, and a call to listen carefully.

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## THE LOVERS

Historically, snakes represent fertility and a creative life force. As snakes shed their skin through sloughing, they are symbols of rebirth, transformation, immortality, and healing. The entwined snakes of The Lovers

card reassure us of a perfect soulmate in our midst, and promises made and kept. The angel figure has been fittingly replaced with a moth, symbolic of determination and attraction.



## THE CHARIOT

Reindeer represent journeying, wandering, safe travels, strength and endurance. In many cultures, they also symbolize wisdom and resourcefulness, and are honored for their nobility. Here, our driven reindeer calls us to remain focused

and confident and success will follow suit. The Sphinx moths here lead the way as powerful symbols of determination.

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## STRENGTH

Symbolic of our inner strength, the multi-talented sea lion performs effortlessly, perfectly controlled and balanced above the hard-shelled armadillo, also symbolic of protection and boundaries. The ouroboros snake

speaks to infinite potential and wisdom.

To draw this card is to realize a connection to strong will and determination.



## THE HERMIT

Like the Hermit, not only does the anglerfish have his own biological glowing lantern, but also symbolizes the unseen world, navigating darkness, and luring energy. This remarkable creature from the deepest depths

of the ocean implores us to retreat into our own private world and take some alone-time for soul-searching and self-discovery.

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## WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The monkey spirit animal is a powerful symbol of good luck, representing a playful and lighthearted version of oneself. Here, the ancient and timeless proverbial three wise monkeys refer to the virtues in being of

good mind, speech and action. The ultimate take-away: what goes around comes around, so good will always beget good!



## JUSTICE

In some ancient cultures, the crow is believed to be the keeper of the Sacred Law and divination. Many also believe crows hold memories of ancient worlds, ancient ways of living, and beautiful secrets. She is mysterious and full of wisdom!

With a watchful eye, she implores us to be fair and impartial, for whatever we reap, we shall sow. To expect truth and justice is to also be fair and truthful in return.

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## THE HANGED MAN

Bats are symbols of transition, initiation, letting go of the old and embracing the start of a new beginning — a fitting creature to figuratively and literally represent the hanged man. The advice we can derive here: take pause to see

things from a whole new perspective! It's not only a time of rest, but also of reflection and emerging with a refreshed point of view.



## DEATH

The crow is a spirit animal associated with life mysteries and magic, and has come to be connected with death on many levels in so many cultures. In this card, the symbolism is not necessarily about an ending;

rather, an assertion of the powerful wisdom that as one door closes, another may open, signaling a pivotal moment to let go and move on.

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## TEMPERANCE

The turtle is a sacred figure in Native American symbolism as it represents Mother Earth and signifies good health, patience and longevity. The hard shell of the turtle represents perseverance and protection. Here, with her angelic butterfly wings, she tells us to maintain our balance by seeking what is important.



## THE DEVIL

The beetle animal totem suggests that you reap what you sow, threefold, so it is important to resist negative temptations of our shadow, or darker, selves. The devilish horned beetle here and his captive larvae play out the iconic scenario of this card, reminding us that we ourselves wield the power to break free from the fears that bind us. The larvae represent the vulnerable, perhaps undeveloped, soul.

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## THE TOWER

All over the world, the tortoise is seen as a symbol for security, endurance, peacefulness, longevity, and patience. Here, that stability has been shaken, rocked to the very core with a sudden upheaval. The eels represent the electrified lightning bringing sudden destruction. The takeaway: out of chaos and pain comes creation, strength and renewal.



## THE STAR

The starfish here beautifully illustrates the ideas of renewal and regeneration, as this fascinating creature can regrow its own limbs. The ibis is associated with the Egyptian God Thoth, the God of wisdom, magic, writing and insight. As such, this is a card of manifestation, magic and the future being revealed. The Star brings renewed hope and faith, and a sense that you are truly blessed.

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## THE MOON

The dog and the wolf manifest together, bringing the tamed and wild aspects and polarity of our minds. The wolf represents guardianship, ritual, and intuition; while the dog symbolizes fidelity and unconditional love. Both appear to remind us to trust our hearts and minds, and have control over our own lives. Here, we are being asked to dig deep to reveal our shadows and face our hidden fears.



## THE SUN

Basking in the soul-nourishing and regenerative warmth of the Sun, the lizard animal totem is a reliable messenger from the spiritual realm. They are highly adaptive to their surroundings, capable of overcoming adversity, which earns them the symbolism of being able to go with the flow — a happy-go-lucky, of sorts. Here, we are welcomed to enjoy this moment, for we have so much to celebrate.

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## JUDGEMENT

The angelic butterfly — symbolic of transformation and a fully transitioned soul, rises above and welcomes the caterpillars, or souls, at the beginning of the journey. The trumpet flower recalls the archetype of Archangel Gabriel's trumpet, calling forth the dead. Here, we are in a moment of rebirth, awakening an inner calling with a higher purpose.



## THE WORLD

This card is about completion and manifestation, represented by the entwined snakes as symbols of the creative life force, immortality and healing. Together, they speak to the duality and balance of the polarities necessary to strike perfect harmony in life. The message here: at last, everything is coming together and fulfillment is yours.

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### THE UNKNOWN



This card represents the mystery of the unknown, as best represented by the unhatched egg and tightly closed flower buds, not revealing their full beauty just yet. In a reading, perhaps it calls for one to look to their curiosity and have an open mind to discovery. In reverse, the message may be that the person is too egotistical to see beyond the obvious and is perhaps too shielded in their approach.



### THE BEYOND

This card is about the soul, as represented by the bones of a majestic winged creature and the time-worn rings of a mighty oak. The bigger picture, the grand existence. In a reading, it calls upon us to believe and seek higher meaning from a higher power. In reverse, it reveals that we need to open up to the possibilities of what lies beyond what we can comprehend.

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### THE UNIVERSE

This card is about infinite growth on a higher level, as represented by the remarkably perfect mathematics of the nautilus. It's about seeking grand possibilities far beyond the immediate world. In reverse, we are called out for stunting our own spiritual evolution and lacking a growth mindset.



### THE MESSENGER

This card speaks to the presence of our spirit guides and the messages they are specifically trying to deliver us, represented here by the mighty hawk. It's about our guardian angels and their watch over us, likely sharing signs that we need to recognize. In reverse, perhaps we are either blind to these signs or unresponsive to their importance.

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— Madam Clara



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